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RECIPIENT FOR : Chief, Development Branch, DPO-DO/P
SUBJECT : Trip Report on Project HIRAL

1. PURPOSE: To coordinate LSD comments on the Itek proposal
 for Project [redacted]

2. SUMMARY:

(a) Meeting was held in Boston on 2 May 1961 with [redacted]
 [redacted] and myself from Headquarters,
 meeting with the Itek Project [redacted] staff.

(b) Generally speaking there was little area of conflict
 with the LSD comments other than a few "emotional" fears that
 LSD was trying to retain Itek as a subcontractor even though
 they had been given the name of "associate." For example, I
 feel that certain LSD operations and check-out personnel should
 be indoctrinated on the "W" aspects to insure compatibility and
 harmony in a team function. The immediate "fear" was that they
 wanted "training" for maintenance and other functions that in
 Headquarters opinion are clearly an Itek responsibility. I
 feel that these areas and the relationship of the SETD were
 adequately explained and while a few individuals may still be
 skeptical, they won't fight the terminology and we can complete
 negotiations as soon as cost data and contract type are
 finalized.

3. SPECIFIC DATA:

(a) Clock Interface: Itek questioned LSD's request for a
 "simulator" to check the binary recording head to be furnished
 by Itek. Itek proposes only to check the recording head for
 proper recording on the film in accordance with a drawing
 furnished to [redacted]. Itek does not intend
 to make a clock simulator as such. I have asked LSD to verify
 this item.

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(b) Target Simulator: The current Itak proposal calls for two target simulators (one for Itak and one for LMED). I could see no need for a simulator at VAFB, but to clear the air on this possibility, I have queried LMED to verify that they are aware of the distribution of the two simulators and know that VAFB will not be getting one.

25X1A (c) Auxiliary Frame Camera: [redacted] and myself held a short side conference on the feelings of EPIC in regard to the auxiliary frame camera. (See letter from [redacted] dated 1 May 1961). At a quick look it appears that the thought of reorienting this camera into a stellar recording position is difficult and would result in some significant delay. As it stands, Itak is confident of having an auxiliary frame (terrain) camera on the first engineering shot early next year. [redacted] stated that EPIC would prefer to have this item in its proposed position rather than jeopardizing the availability of an auxiliary camera. This instance, however, does point out the need for early and continuous coordination with using personnel from EPIC in the design phases of the various projects.

25X1A (d) Possible Slip of Some C*** Units to 1962: [redacted] pointed out that C*** support items should not be charged to NMAL items without Headquarters approval since the possibility exists that one or more C*** units may slip into next year. I would like to submit a personal recommendation that Headquarters consider refurbishing any possible left over C*** units into the convergent (1) configuration. Even if only one were left over, I feel it would pay to order the other portions of the unit and make a stereo convergent subsystem since the vast majority of the cost is in the vehicle. We would still have three C* units and one A left to fill any vehicle remaining, if we could not afford to buy additional NMAL systems.

(e) Spare Parts: It was recommended that a list of spare parts be prepared by Itak and forwarded to Headquarters and the SETD. Shortly after SETD has this list or simultaneously with receipt, a spare parts provisioning conference is recommended in order to quickly arrive at a coordinated schedule for spares. Critical long lead items are already under procurement.

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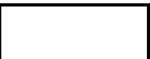
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